

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 27 AUGUST 1993

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Name: PALMER, GILBERT SWAIN JR. Date Status assigned: 28 Apr 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	K601449
Birth date		Weight	176 lb / 79.7 kg	Duty pos	ACFT CMDR
Home State	PENNSYLVANIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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(formerly):
Mission District: LE THUY
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Serial No	DATA	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	K615609
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5 October 1993

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5 October 1993

ON 26 AND 27 AUG 93, IE1 TRAVELLED TO SON THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1063. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES. TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION ON AN AIRCRAFT CRASH PROBABLY RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE OTHER TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION RELATED TO ANOTHER CASE. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE SITE DESCRIBED BY THE FIRST TWO WITNESSES. NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR A CRASH SITE WAS DISCOVERED. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE COORDINATES REFLECTED AS THE INCIDENT LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS. NO EVIDENCE WAS DISCOVERED. (REF 7)

15 November 1993

DURING THE 13TH JFA, THE TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATE XE787058. THE TEAM OBSERVED PARTS FROM AN F-4 CRASH SITE. (REF 8)



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ON 27 FEBRUARY 1968, MAJOR GILBERT S. PALMER, JUNIOR, AND
NAME WERE FLYING AN RF-4C RECONNAISSANCE

AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 66-0431, ON A SOLO MISSION. DURING THEIR LAST RADIO CONTACT, THE CREW MEMBERS WERE GIVEN CLEARANCE TO PHOTOGRAPH AN AREA, RUNNING SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST THROUGH THE 17TH PARALLEL, APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHE SANH, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. WHEN THE CREW MEMBERS FAILED TO RETURN AS SCHEDULED, SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE INITIATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

IN APRIL 1990, LE NINH DISTRICT OFFICIALS SHOWED A JOINT TEAM A FOUR PAGE DOCUMENT, ENTITLED "TRADITION RECORD OF THE ARMED FORCES OF LE NINH DISTRICT". THE DOCUMENT CONTAINED AN ENTRY WHICH REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 3, 1968 THE LIEN THUY VILLAGE GUERRILLA MILITIA SHOT DOWN AN F-4H. THIS ENTRY MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1063 BASED ON LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND GENERAL TIME FRAME.

IN JANUARY 1991, A JOINT TEAM VISITED SON THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, AND INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO REPORTED THAT A JET TYPE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XE787058 SOMETIME DURING FEBRUARY 1968. ONE WITNESS REPORTED THAT A LOCAL VILLAGER WAS KILLED WHEN HE ENTERED THE CRASH SITE AREA AND AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED. THE WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH CORRELATES TO CASE 1063.

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IN JANUARY 1992, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT RELEASED A DOCUMENT TITLED "MILITARY REGION IV AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS JOURNAL FROM 1964-1973 - REFERENCE MATERIAL." DOCUMENT ENTRY #1056 INDICATES AN F-4B WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE LIEN THUY MILITIA FORCES ON 6 MARCH 1968. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT THE LE NINH STATE FARM AND BOTH CREW MEMBERS DIED IN THE INCIDENT. THIS ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 1063 BASED ON LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, GENERAL TIME FRAME AND NUMBER OF CREW MEMBERS. THERE IS A DISPARITY IN THE REPORTED DATE OF INCIDENT, 6 MARCH 1968, AND THE ACTUAL INCIDENT DATE, 27 FEBRUARY 1968. U.S. RECORDS INDICATE NO F-4 AIRCRAFT WERE LOST ON 6 MARCH 1968. CASE 1063 IS THE ONLY AIRCRAFT INCIDENT WHICH COULD HAVE OCCURRED IN LIEN THUY DURING THE PERIOD MID FEBRUARY TO EARLY MARCH 1968.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: PALMER JUNIOR, GILBERT SWAIN
RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 12 OCTOBER 1930
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS
WEIGHT: 79.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: GREEN

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NAME: NAME -
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: DATA
RACE: BLACK
HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS
WEIGHT: 91.5 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BROWN